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MACOVESCU

REF: USNATO 5762

1. YES.

- 2. PARA 3 BUCHAREST 5363 REPEATED BELOW:
- 3. CBMS: MACOVESCU WAS OBVIOUSLY UNCOMFORTABLE ADISCUSSING THIS SUBJECT. HE TRAVERSED USUAL ROMANIAN TERRAIN ON DELICACY OF ROMANIA'S GEOGRAPHIC AND POLITICAL POSITION. AT ONE POINT HE SUGGESTED PERHAPS USG WAS NOT ALWAYS QUITE SO SENSITIVE AS IT MIGHT BE TO GOR'S DILEMMAS. HE COMPARED US TO A HEAVY TANK RUMBLING DOWN A ROUGHT ROAD. THE OCCUPANTS OF THE TANK NEVER FEEL A SINGLE JOLT BECAUSE OF THE SIZE OF THE VEHICLE. BUT THE ROMANIAN RIDING DOWN THE SAME ROAD ON HIS BICYCLE IS SUBJECT TO A SEVERE SHAKING UP. WITH REGARD TO THE RECENT INVITATIONS TO SEND OBSERVERS, HE SAID THEY CAUGHT THE GOR SOMEWHAT BY SURPRISE. THEY QUESTIONED HOW MUCH UTILITY WOULD COME FROM SENDING AN UNQUALIFIED EMBASSY OFFICER TO CONFIDENTIAL

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OBSERVE. IN ADDITION, THERE WAS, FOR OUR CONFIDEN-

TIAL INFORMATION, THE FACTOR OF CLEAR SOVIET OPPOSITION TO THE OBSERVER IDEA. CONSEQUENTLY, THE GOR DECIDED TO SKIP THE CHANCE THIS TIME. THIS WAS NOT A DECISION HOWEVER WHICH WOULD NECESSARILY APPLY TO FUTURE INVITATIONS. IT WAS A QUESTION OF LOOKING FOR "A PROPITIOUS MOMENT" TO ACCEPT AN INVITATION TO OBSERVE A MANEUVER. GOR STILL ATTACHES MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO CBMS. VIETS

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